WAR LISTS DRAW JEWISH CROWDS

Thousands Fight Police for Chance to Hear News from Refugees.

GROANS AND WEEPING INTERRUPT SPEAKERS

Men and Women Surround Bank of United States Building Until Early Morning.

Silence, that of great grief, took possession of the audience. Slowly the SANTA GIVES WAIFS read by the man on the platform. He had just finished one, the name of a man, and a woman's scream rang out in the hall.

"Dank Gott!" she cried. "He is alive! He is alive!"

She ran from the hall, down the seven fights of stairs into the street choked

Chaim Cohen; no one cared whether he was dead or alive, excepting for the one hope that the crowd entertained. Chaim Cohen might know of s beloved husband in Minsk, a sister in Dombrova, a brother, or mother, or

Name after name Name after name the man on the platform read. Rachel Meyerowitz platform read. Rachel Meyerowitz this happened last night was the armory of Squadron A, cavalry, N. G. committee since the enthusiastic mass her husband who lived at so and so fourth Street. It was the second annual Santa Claus circus given by the calling of one name: loy greeted the calling of one name; heart-rending sobs the softly enunci-in life does not include homes and Christmas trees.

The complete capture of the children

ated name of a relative of the Managerished or was in need.
Outside the Bank of the United States Bulding, at T. Pelancey Street, a rowd had gathered, estimated by the police at anywhere from eight thousand to ten thousand persons. They fought the reserves in hysterical efforts to get in. They tried windows protected by tars. They cursed and swore at the salary of bluecosts that rammed them

re in Russia or Galicia, Belgium Hear us!" they cried. "Hear us, men

and women! The Fire Department does not permit any more to get in. Use As Jews we appeal to he Bank of the United States Build-

Th building of the society was altorelier too small for the purpose. When
the doors were opened at 6 o'clock last
night the crowd rushed in and filled
sery seat and bit of standing space in
the largest hall. Four more large rooms
is the same building were opened for
the overflow crowd. Every seat was
taken, and the walls were lined with
persons, three deep. Women and men

chits, of the society, and his aids read shits, of the society, and his alds read
the names of war zone refugees who
were seeking relatives and friends in
the United States, Canada and other
parts of the Western Hemisphere.
Wailing of men and women filled the
hall and the speaker was unable to
tectine for some time. Ex-Judge

sectinue for some time. Ex-Judge leon Sanders was sent for. He ran to

BEATEN IN HOUSE BY ROBBER

Supposed to Have Surprised Thief.

George Weatherby, who is said to be well known in the clothing trade of New York, was attacked and seriously nived that the said to be seriously nived. New York, was attacked and seriously injured last night on the second floor of the rooming house in which he lives, at 135 West Forty-fifth Street. He was discovered soon after 8 o'clock by another tenant of the house, and was later removed to Polyclinic Hospital, where his condition was pronounced critical. He is suffering from a fractured skull.

It is supposed Weatherby was returning from Stern Brothers' store, where he is employed temporarily, and that he met his assailant in the hallway. Persons in the house heard no sculle or outcry, and Weatherby's pockets showed that no effort was made to rob him. It is supposed he was attacked by a robber who was trying to force an entrance into one of the spartments. Help, Minister Appeals—Sails Weatherby at one time was a manager of the spartments. Weatherby at one time was a manager for A. J. Benjamin & Co. He is fifty years old.

FIGHTING SOLDIERS

Real Guardsmen Smash Each Other While 1,200 Orphans Watch in Glee.

with weeping men, women and children twelve hundred prisoners were capt- sands upon thousands of refugees are with weeping men, women and children twelve hundred prisoners were capturing to get in for news of their betatign to get in for news of their betatign to get in for news of their betatign to get in for news of the bulging eyes in the twelve hundred prisoners were captured to get in for new hard a great many of the bulging eyes in the twelve hundred prisoners were captured to get in for news hurt unless some of the bulging eyes in the twelve hundred prisoners were captured to th

The eyes belonged to an army of youngsters from orphan asylums and other benevolent institutions, and the bulging was caused by seeing mounted men madly charging each other in fierce encounters and by the staccato barking of machine guns in breath-stanning charges.

"The want in Galicia is unparalleled, the situation among the Jews finally stanning charges."

ening only somewhere in war-torn cannot be expected."

squadron for the youngsters whose lot

drawing a float with a lighted Christmas tree on it, piled high around with many gift boxes, and with a Santa Claus and several assistants to hand them out. Then the youngsters were allowed to come down from their places in the halconies and get their gifts.

Hammond, Vanderlip and Johnson. To discuss the best methods of pre-

parts of the country will meet at the Hotel Biltmore for a four days' conven-tion, beginning to-day under the au-spices of the Alexander Hamilton In-

International Corporation, American International Corporation, and Professor Joseph French Jonnson, doan of the School of Commerce of New York University.

STOCKS WITHOUT PAR AROUSE TREASURY

n Inquiry to Determine if Shares Were Issued to Dodge Tax.

The Treasury Department at Washington, it was learned in financial circles yesterday, is investigating the rethe platform and held up a restraining of stock without par value. The purhand. He described briefly the methofs employed by the society in tracing
fews in the war zone, on behalf of
whom thousands of inquiries reach the

wis employed by the society in tracing fews in the war zone, on behalf of the war zone, on behalf of the war zone, on behalf of the war revenue measure passed in 1914 this method to avoid payment of the state. He told them that the names were sent to Rotterdam, where they tree compared with the thousands sent from other parts of Europe.

Crowd Waiting at Midnight.

"Be patient," he told them. "Have your courage with you. Look at this great tragedy with calm hearts. God will take care of you and your beloved that the component of the special revenue tax law it is estimated that more than 7,500,000 shares of stock in four big companies alone have been issued with no par value, from which no stax can be collected. Among the corporations involved are seeking by this method to avoid payment of the same trace of this method to avoid payment of the war revenue measure passed in 1914 imposing a tax of five cents a share on issues of new stock with a par value of \$100 or fractions thereof.

Since the enactment of the special revenue tax law it is estimated that more than 7,500,000 shares of stock in four big companies alone have been issued to avoid payment of the same trace of the same tra

rest tragedy with calm hearts. God will take care of you and your beloved case.

Our effice will be open until 10 elock every night to give the workers a chase to learn about their loved the to have the total the state of the total the total the total total the tota non Home at Sixty-eight.

Take heart, my brethren and sishas we Jews will come out of this
has with greater glory. Our wounds
hill yet heal, our sorrows be dispersed.
And stricken, but, prny, prny, keep up
Nomen shook from side to side. Men
Nomen shook from s Var. Bords and Galles, Register from the work from the same of the same from the same of t

George Weatherby, Skull Fractured, DYING IN AUSTRIA

Letter Paints Distress as Thousands Here Give Aid to Save Brethren.

Back To-day.

Thousands of Jewish refugees are dying of hunger in cities throughout the Austrian Empire, the American Jewish Relief Committee learned yesterday in a letter from Dr. D. Bloch, editor of the "Oesterreichische Wochenschrift," of Vienna. A large part of the population of the Austrian capital is in dire need of assistance, he writes.

"Recently there called upon me a Somewhere in Yorkville.-More than deputation from Kolomea, where thou-The eyes belonged to an army of very sad, and I am writing this with

stopping charges.

It was to the twelve hundred a mad, deliciously terrifying attack on their emotions. It set them to seeing thinzs they have been hearing about as happened and a server and assistance from this source cannot be expected."

Contributions ranging from \$1 to on the Europe.

The particular "somewhere" where \$50,000 have been pouring in at the

Louis Marshall, the chairman, made public last night the following letter, came when lights were dimmed and Bishop David H. Greer, who spoke at

in They tried windows protected by the street of the street were bound to enter, and they rushed the ballowed to come down from their places in the balconies and get their gifts.

Santa was Lieutenant Colonel Merhalt.

"Port be mad!" a policeman cried. "There are thousands upstairs already for earl get in. Stop that!"

But the commands of the police were win. The crowds that choked the street were bound to enter, and they rushed the policemen. The officials of the Hebre Immigrant Aid Society came fown to plead with the frantic mend women. They told them that an apportunity would be given each man and women to obtain information of a mid woman to obtain information of a convention at Biltmore to Hear Gary. Hammond, Vanderlip and Johnson. 6 G. Lever, \$1400 Eugeno Meyer, Ir., \$2,000; Princinan & Co. \$1250 Mrs. C. A. Hunriques, c. Louis M. Krancer, \$100; Leo Schlesinger, Mrs. Bennett King, \$259; L. R. Frankes, G. Charles Silberman, \$1,000 Mrs. Max Danniger, G. Charles Silberman, \$1,000 Mrs. Max Danniger, C. Louis H. Schram, \$100 Mrs. Max Danniger, \$100; Mrs. Silberman, \$100 Mrs. Silberman, \$150, Mrs. Silberman,

Belgium's Need Pressing.

If the work of the Commission for treatment.

MASTER DANCERS' CLASS ON M'ALPIN ROOF.



ent if the present order were reversed and penalties inflicted upon those so presumptuous as to employ in times

Railways Appeal to Court from Public Service Decree to Clear Footnaths. of need anything but Christian Science

in Its Work.

be made, it was also acting in the commission.

Committee, who asserted that in its work of standardizing positions and pay of state employes the committee had found conditions which the members deemed warranted a thorough in
bers deemed warranted a thorough in
The Consolidated company was noti
The Consolidated

CHRISTIAN SCIENTISTS
ASSAIL CORONER

Suggest Inquiry Into 5,500
Preumonia Deaths.

Robert S. Res., of the Christian Sci.
State of New York, issued a statement.

State

CIVIL SERVICE FACES INQUIRY en miles of elevated tracks in Brook-Commission Suspected of Irregularities without a fight the order of the Pub-Albany, Dec. 27.—An investigation of the State Civil Service Commission may be made, it was said here to-night by a teriax for a writ of certiorari to re-

bers deemed warranted a thorough investigation.

Senator Horton, chairman of the committee, was in Buffalo to-night, but was expected to reach Albany to-morrow. It is alleged that briefs in opposition to this move were rejected by the finding:

It is contended by the finding in the suspected frequiry:

It was said there was no complaint against the present commissioners, but that the suspected frequiry:

It was said there was no complaint against the present commissioners, but that the suspected frequiry:

It is contended by the following finding to explain that their the twelfth establishment of Brennan's claim Magistrate Simms reflused to hear the thirty other guests who were waiting to explain that their thost was not a burglar, but just a pinochle player, and discharged him. Mrs. Buckley insisted that Brennan must have stolen the \$20 worth of comply with the order without endangering the lives of the employes dangering the lives of the employes of the proposed inquiry:

It was said there was no complaint against the present commissioners, but that the suspected irregularities were believed to be due to the work of minor officials.

MAN AUTO HIT IS DYING

After the twelfth establishment of Brennan's claim Magistrate Simms reflused to hear the thirty other guests to hear the thirty other guests that their the suspended to hear the thirty other guests the more clearly are they reflected in a lessened infant mortality. The report adds, however, that it is impossible to determine the realized move where waiting to explain that their these two who were waiting to explain that their the twelfth establishment of Brennan's claim Magistrate Simms reflused to hear the thirty other guests to the first the more clearly are they reflected in the more cl

Way Station Masters Cavort

marty of dancers from Pittiburgh, Buffalo and way stations can display their skill on the roof garden of a big New York hotel. This honor was given to the American National Association of Masters of Dancing yesterday morning, when they disported atop the McAlpin under the leadership of Maurice, the grillroom pet.

What if it were the dead of winter, with a chill wind sweeping the lofty.

Miss Alice Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Wilson, and niece of the President, came to Washington to day to assist at the debut tea of Miss Linian Hendrick. Miss Wilson and Miss Bones attended the tea this after moon.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Lan sing held a reception at the Pannent knows all about it. There is no great importance to it."

Tauscher said von Cleff was one of his agents.

"I really care very little about the whole matter," Tauscher said yeater-day when seen at his office. "It is no german piot to take guns out of the country, because the Federal government knows all about it. There is no great importance to it."

Tauscher said von Cleff was one of his agents.

"I really care very little about the whole matter," Tauscher said yeater-day when seen at his office. "It is no german piot to take guns out of the country, because the Federal government knows all about it. There is no great importance to it."

Tauscher said von Cleff was one of his agents.

of which the young robbers could not play, intends to treat this as he would murder or suicide. He will endeavor to hold somebody responsible for the decase of one who dared to have more faith in God than in a doctor's pills and pellets.

"An annual report of the State Department of Health shows that there were approximately 5,500 deaths by presument in greater New York in a single year under one form or another of medical treatment. If coroners feel it is their duty to 'investigate' occasional cases of fallure where materia medica is not employed, why do they not act on the 5,500 failures that occur annually where materia medica is mot employed.

"The absurdity and injustice of the situation would be immediately apparent in the present order were reversed and penalties inflicted upon those so presumptuous as to employ in times

of which the young robbers could not lock. Webb loosened his hands and as the bandits left the building, he pushed to the would door and obtained a shotgun.

Taking a short cut to the railroad station, Webb concealed himself behind a pile of ties. As the bandits approached Webb ordered them to put up their hands. They falled to obey and the cashler opened fire. The money was recovered.

Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 27.—Five men entered the First National Bank, at lie and the cashler opened fire. The money was recovered.

Fort Smith, Ark., Dec. 27.—Five men entered the First National Bank, at lie and the cashler of \$7,500, according to reports received here.

To FIGHT SNOW ORDER

ent if the present order were reversed here.

To FIGHT SNOW ORDER

Railways Appeal to Court from Public Service Decree to Clear Footnaths. Washington, Dec. 27.—The death of the ppergrade dies is

To Fight Snow order.

Railways Appeal to Court from Public
Service Decree to Clear Footpaths.

RY

Ites New York Consolidated Railroad Company, controlling twenty-seven miles of elevated tracks in Brook.

Ites Service Decree to Clear Footpaths.

RY

Ites New York Consolidated Railroad Company, controlling twenty-seven miles of elevated tracks in Brook.

Ites Service Decree to Clear Footpaths.

RY

Ites New York Consolidated Railroad Company, controlling twenty-seven miles of elevated tracks in Brook.

Ites Service Decree to Clear Footpaths.

Cashes on Twelfth Draw.

Cashes on Twel

DIG TUNNEL UNDER STORE

Thieves Get \$821 in United Cigars Till

-Former Clerk Held. George Taylor, twenty-three, of 24 larkson Street, Brooklyn, was arsigned yesterday in the Gates Avenue Police Court, charged with being con- Blaze in Building Housing nected with two robberies at the United Cigar Stores Company branch, at 753 Nostrand Avenue. Taylor was formerly employed there as a clerk. He was held pending further investigation. When Manager Charles Leasurus opened the safe yesterday he found it had been robbed of \$821.14, the proceeds of

Detectives Reddy and Wackerly

Detectives Reddy and Wackerly found that the thieves had entered a building several doors away and tunneled through the adjoining cellars into the cigar store cellar.

The janitor of the store told the police he saw three men coming from one of the adjoining houses and they were brushing dirt from their clothes. He said he identified Taylor because he knew him when he worked at the store. The first robbery took place several months ago, when \$200 was stolen.

ROUND OF DINNERS AT WASHINGTON

Miss Lillian Hendrick Makes the German government. Debut-Miss Wilson to Preside at Civic Congress To-day.

Washington, Dec. 27. - Miss Margaret Wilson will preside at the opening to morrow of the American Civic Association's annual convention. Miss Wilson's chief interest is in the branch devoted to the consideration of the schoolhouse as a community centre.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Thropp enott Thropp. Mrs. Stephen B. Elkins also enter-

tained a dinner party to-night for young folk, having as guest of honor Miss Edith Blair, daughter of Mr and Mrs. Montgomery Blair, who will make her debut this season. Dancing followed the dinner.

TEUTON MUNITION MAGAZINE FIRED

3,500,000 Cartridges Put

INQUIRY ORDERED

Ammunition and Several Thousand Firearms Were Destined for Kaiser's Army.

Fire was eating a path early yesterday morning toward 3,500,000 car-tridges and several thousand pistols and rifles which were stored on the ground floor of 200 West Houston Street when two policemen crashed through the door and stopped short the attempt of incendiaries to destroy the material, which was intended for

Traces of oil were found near the door. If the flames had spread to the piles of munitions the lives of many in tenements near by would have been in danger. Thomas Ward, watchman in an ad-

joining building, discovered the fire. He called Patrolmen Chapman and Fitzgerald, of the Macdougal Street police station, and the men broke through a panel of the double door, seized fire pails and put out the flames, tertained twenty-two guests at dinner to-night in honor of their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clarence Roche, the watchman of the building, was on the second floor, and he joined the men at once. He said

lowed the dinner.

Mrs. David Stewart Hendrick introduced her younger daughter, Miss Litin Williston Hendrick, to society at a tea this afternoon at Rauscher's.

Mrs. James R. Mann gave a large buffet luncheon to-day for Mrs. Thomas B. Dunn, wife of Representative Dunn, of Rochester, N. Y.

Miss Zanada Merriam, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hart Merriam, cave a dance.